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June 1974  
~~October 1973~~

Dear Composer:

I would like to include your name and some information about you and your work in a new biographical dictionary of American composers: Contemporary American Composers: A Biographical Dictionary which I am compiling.

Many composers, librarians and a reference book publisher have recognized the need for a current, comprehensive biographical dictionary devoted exclusively to American composers of the twentieth century. I hope to include every American composer born after 1870 (and also every foreign-born composer who has primarily or continuously resided in the United States) who has had at least one original work published or recorded or performed (in an urban area), or selected for an award in composition.

To insure the inclusion of your name in the work, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me at the above address ~~before November 30, 1973~~  
*as soon as possible.*

I would be grateful if you would send me the name and address of other qualified composers and pass the word along to your colleagues. We are attempting to contact all contemporary American composers, but it is a large task, and we would be glad for your help to assure that we do not omit anyone.

Thanks very much for your attention and cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*E. Ruth Anderson*

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